

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

~~Page 1~~, after the title of the invention, please insert the following title:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

~~Page 1~~, first paragraph, please amend as follows:

B<sup>1</sup> This invention relates to an apparatus and method for depositing loose sheet material ~~according to the preambles of claim 1 and claim 13.~~

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

~~Page 1~~, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh (through Page 2, line 2) paragraph, please amend as follows:

It is therefore ~~the problem~~ an objective of the invention to state an apparatus and method which provide a flexible possibility for depositing sheet material.

~~This problem is solved by an apparatus according to claim 1 and a method according to claim 14.~~

B<sup>2</sup> According to ~~claim 1~~ an apparatus of the invention, it is provided that the deposit device is suitable for optionally depositing loose and/or strapped sheet material. Accordingly, ~~[[the]] a method according to claim 14 of the invention~~ provides that the sheet material can be deposited optionally in loose or strapped form in one type of bin.

The invention achieves the ~~advantage~~ objective in that the deposit units for loose and strapped sheet material deposit are interchangeable. This leads to lower

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production costs since the deposit apparatuses can be produced in larger numbers of pieces due to the optional use.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

~~Page 5~~, before line 1, please insert the following title:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION